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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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COLIN COLLINS, JOE W. GRAY and BAUKE  
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Application No: 09/285,292

Filed: 04/02/1999

Title: **CYP24 EXPRESSION LEVEL AS A  
MARKER FOR PREDISPOSITION TO  
CANCER**

Examiner: Harris, Alana M.

Art Unit: 1643

Confirmation No: 3543

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.

Accompanying this Amendment are:

- (1) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE); and
- (2) An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).